

In the Claims:

A complete listing of claims in the instant application is provided below as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

3           a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled configuration, said bundled configuration defining a substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially solid structure;

8           first means for maintaining said bundled configuration with said first means and said plurality of projectiles coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an integral structural element that bears loads generated when said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target; and

14           second means within said bundled configuration for, in a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein said plurality of projectiles are released from said bundled configuration into a surrounding environment, said second means comprising at least one explosive charge.

1       2. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in  
2       claim 1 wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a  
3       core projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles  
4       distributed radially about said core projectile.

1       3. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 1  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1       4. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 1  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a  
3       projectile shape.

Claim 5. (Canceled)

1       6. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

2                 a plurality of individually explosive projectiles  
3                 arranged in a bundled configuration, said bundled  
4                 configuration defining a substantially solid structure with  
5                 each of said plurality of projectiles forming a geometric  
6                 portion of said substantially solid structure;

7                 first means for maintaining said bundled configuration  
8                 with said first means and said plurality of individually  
9                 explosive projectiles coupled together to form, in a unitary  
10                 mode of operation, an integral structural element that bears  
11                 loads generated when said bundled configuration strikes and  
12                 penetrates a target; and

13                 second means within said bundled configuration for, in  
14                 a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said  
15                 first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein  
16                 said plurality of individually explosive projectiles are  
17                 released from said bundled configuration into a surrounding  
18                 environment.

1       7. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6  
2         wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a core  
3         projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles  
4         distributed radially about said core projectile.

1       8. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1       9. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a  
3       projectile shape.

1       10. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 6  
2       wherein said second means comprises at least one explosive  
3       charge.

1       11. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:  
2               a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled  
3               configuration, said bundled configuration defining a  
4               substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of  
5               projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially  
6               solid structure;

7               first means for maintaining said bundled configuration  
8               with said first means and said plurality of projectiles  
9               coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an  
10               integral structural element that bears loads generated when  
11               said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target;  
12               and

13               second means within said bundled configuration for, in  
14               a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said  
15               first means inoperative before a target is struck, said  
16               second means further coupled to at least a portion of said  
17               plurality of said projectiles for expelling each of said  
18               projectiles from said bundled configuration into a  
19               surrounding environment.

1       12. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11  
2       wherein said plurality of projectiles comprises a core  
3       projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles  
4       distributed radially about said core projectile.

1       13. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure is cylindrical.

1       14. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11  
2       wherein said substantially solid structure comprises a  
3       projectile shape.

1       15. (Original) A mission responsive ordnance as in claim 11  
2       wherein said second means comprises at least one explosive  
3       charge.

1       16. (New) A mission responsive ordnance, comprising:

2               a plurality of projectiles arranged in a bundled  
3               configuration, said bundled configuration defining a  
4               substantially solid structure with each of said plurality of  
5               projectiles forming a geometric portion of said substantially  
6               solid structure, said plurality of projectiles comprising a  
7               core projectile and a plurality of peripheral projectiles  
8               distributed radially about said core projectile;

9               first means for maintaining said bundled configuration  
10          with said first means and said plurality of projectiles  
11          coupled together to form, in a unitary mode of operation, an  
12          integral structural element that bears loads generated when  
13          said bundled configuration strikes and penetrates a target;  
14          and

15               second means within said bundled configuration for, in  
16          a sub-divided mode of operation, selectively rendering said  
17          first means inoperative before a target is struck wherein  
18          said plurality of projectiles are released from said bundled  
19          configuration into a surrounding environment.